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Senator Gregg Comments on Senate Passage of Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Resolution

"The budget passed tonight is not in the best interests of the family budget. It raises taxes on middle-class families, seniors, and small businesses by thousands of dollars at a time when middle-class Americans are struggling with the realities of a slowing economy. Instead of financing a huge expansion of government, these dollars should stay with the people who earn them. American families are perfectly capable of making their own budgetary choices without Washington's help.

"And for the second year in a row, the Democrats' budget refuses to address the very serious problem of unfunded entitlement obligations. The fact that this \$66 trillion burden of debt is simply being passed along to future generations represents an appalling lack of leadership and fiscal responsibility. I will continue to work to find effective and bipartisan solutions to the entitlement issue, and hope that action will be taken sooner than later, for the sake of our children and grandchildren."